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Application No.: 10/679,804

REMARKS

Claims 22-25 and 29-42 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-21 and 26-28 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 22-25 and 29-42 are allowed.

Teleconference of March 3, 2011

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview of March 3, 2011, wherein the current Office Action (especially the objection to Figure 2, addressed in detail below), was discussed.

Objections to the Drawings

The current Office Action objects to Figure 2 on the following basis:

2. The drawings are objected to because of the following minor informalities. In fig. 2, numbers 12, 14, 16 and 18, representing multiple wireless communication systems such as WLAN, UMTS, and CDMA2000 are shown. However, within each of these wireless communication systems cylindrical and rectangular boxes including a sign of antenna are included without labeling and explaining them. For purposes of examination, the Examiner assumed the rectangular boxes as bases stations and the cylindrical boxes as databases or some kind of storage for each of the wireless communication systems. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application.

37 CFR § 1.83 spells out the requirements for drawings in applications, and states the following:

(a) The drawing in a nonprovisional application must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. However, conventional features disclosed in the description and claims, where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention, should be illustrated in the drawing in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation (e.g., a labeled rectangular box). In addition, tables and sequence listings that are included in the specification are, except for applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 371, not permitted to be included in the drawings.

The Applicants respectfully submit that this objection to Figure 2 is unfounded. While individual system components within the wireless communication systems 12, 14, 16, 18 in Figure 2 are not specifically labeled, the wireless communication systems 12, 14, 16, 18 are adequately described in the specification as systems, and there is no basis in 37 CFR § 1.83 (or anywhere else) for requiring

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that labels to the unlabeled system components be added. Hence, Figure 2 as currently pending satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.83.

For the reasons set forth above, the withdrawal of the objection to Figure 2 is respectfully requested.

The Applicants respectfully request that, if the Examiner intends to maintain this objection to Figure 2, that the Examiner specifically cite to controlling law and/or regulation that supports the objection, and articulate why the controlling law and/or regulation requires an amendment to Figure 2.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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